



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SEP 04 2003

David C. Deger, Treasurer
Dutch Ruppersberger for Congress
22 West Padonia Road, Suite A307
Timonium, MD 21093

RE: MUR 5328

Dear Mr. Deger:

On November 1, 2002, the Federal Election Commission notified Dutch Ruppersberger for Congress and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

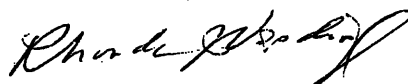
On August 25, 2003, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe Dutch Ruppersberger for Congress and you, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Act or Commission regulations in connection with this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to Dutch Ruppersberger for Congress and you, as treasurer.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Heller or Thomas Andersen, the attorneys assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel



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Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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